

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 12, 13, 15, 17-22, 25, 32, 40-42, 59, 62, 63, and 71; cancel claims 2, 4-11, 14, 16, 23, 24, 26-31, 33-39, 43-58, 60-61, 64-70, 72-95; and add claims 96-98 as set forth below:

1. (Currently amended) A call processing-system platform for providing call processing services to multiple prison facilities, comprising:

~~a call processing platform coupled, via digital data links, to a plurality of facilities for which calling services are provided, a networking device connected via digital data links to call processing gateways at the multiple prison facilities, at least one of the multiple prison facilities located remotely from the call processing platform, each of the multiple prison facilities including multiple telephone terminals, the networking device receiving or sending data packets converted from or into call signals at the call processing gateways;~~

~~an unauthorized call activity detection system connected to the networking device for detecting unauthorized call activity associated with calls placed using one or more of the multiple telephone terminals; and~~

~~said call processing platform being discrete from and coupled to a carrier network for providing calling connections, wherein said call processing platform includes call application management functionality controlling connecting calls over said digital data links and terminating in ones of said facilities to said carrier network through said call processing platform~~ a call application management system connected to the networking device and the unauthorized call activity detection system for processing and transmitting the calls from the multiple telephone terminals to a first telephone carrier network.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) The ~~system platform~~ of claim 1, wherein ~~said digital data links provide the data packets comprise voice over Internet protocol data packets communication between said plurality of facilities and said call processing platform to carry call content as digital data.~~

4-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) The ~~system platform~~ of ~~claim 9~~ claim 1, wherein said call processing gateways comprise voice over Internet protocol gateways.

13. (Currently amended) The ~~system platform~~ of ~~claim 9~~ claim 1, wherein each of said call processing gateways provide at least one local area network interface for coupling with a computer workstation ~~to said call processing platform via said digital data links.~~

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) The ~~system platform~~ of claim 1, wherein said ~~call processing platform places said calls on~~ call application management system communicates with said first telephone carrier network as using digital data packets.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) The ~~system of claim 16, wherein said call processing platform~~ platform of claim 1 further comprising a ~~includes media gateway functionality, wherein said media gateway functionality cooperates with said call application management functionality connected to the networking device for placing said calls on said first telephone carrier network as using analog signals.~~

18. (Currently amended) The ~~system of claim 1, wherein said call processing platform~~ platform of claim 1 further includes comprising a call recording system functionality, wherein ~~said call recording functionality cooperates with connected to said call application management system functionality for recording the calls content.~~

19. (Currently amended) The ~~system of claim 18, wherein said call processing platform~~ platform of claim 1 further ~~includes comprising a billing functionality system, wherein said billing functionality cooperates with~~ connected to said call application management system functionality for providing real-time call accounting.

20. (Currently amended) The ~~system of claim 18, wherein said call processing platform~~ platform of claim 1 further ~~includes comprising a validation system functionality, wherein said validation functionality cooperates with~~ connected to said call application management system functionality for ~~controlling~~ authorizing connecting of said calls to said first telephone carrier network.

21. (Currently amended) The ~~system of claim 18, wherein said call processing platform~~ platform of claim 1 further ~~includes comprising: an enhanced service system for providing services to ones of said plurality of facilities in addition to said calling services~~

a justice application management system connected to the networking for managing inmates at the multiple prison facilities; and

a commerce system for managing commissary orders placed by the inmates at the multiple prison facilities.

22. (Currently amended) The ~~system of claim 18, wherein said call processing platform~~ platform of claim 20 further ~~includes comprising: a call treatment system connected to the validation system for communicating with a network interface coupled to a signaling network of~~ said first telephone carrier network to determine whether a call forwarding feature is activated for call numbers associated with the calls.

23-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) The ~~system of claim 24, wherein said call processing platform~~ further ~~includes justice application management functionality, wherein platform of claim 21 wherein said justice application management functionality system further cooperates with said validation functionality for providing~~ provides investigative information with respect to said calls.

26-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently amended) The ~~system of claim 1, wherein said call processing platform~~ platform of claim 1 further includes interactive voice response functionality, ~~wherein said interactive voice response functionality provides for providing~~ messaging associated with processing of the calls ~~said controlling connecting calls to said carrier network through said call processing platform.~~

33-39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently amended) The ~~system~~ platform of claim 1, wherein said first carrier network comprises a SIP (Session Initiation Protocol) carrier.

41. (Currently amended) The ~~system~~ platform of claim 1, wherein said first carrier network comprises a MGCP (Media Gateway Control Protocol) carrier.

42. (Currently amended) The ~~system~~ platform of claim 1, wherein said first carrier network comprises the PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network).

43-58. (Canceled)

59. (Currently amended) A method for processing calls for multiple prison facilities, the method carried out in a call processing platform, the method comprising:

~~coupling a centralized call processing platform to connecting with a call processor gateway~~ call processing gateways at the multiple prison facilities via a high bandwidth data connection digital data links, at least one of the multiple prison facilities located remotely from the call processing platform, each of the multiple prison facilities including multiple telephone terminals;

~~coupling processing calls from the multiple telephone terminals received via call processing gateways for transmission over a telephone carrier network; and~~

~~detecting unauthorized call activity associated with the calls~~ coupling a plurality of user terminals to said call processor gateway via a plurality of analog connections;

~~converting between a data format and an analog signal by said call processing gateway;~~

~~routing a data stream associated with a user terminal of said plurality of user terminals provided by said converting step from said call processor gateway to said centralized call processing platform, wherein said data stream includes communication content from said user~~

terminal;

~~controlling, by said centralized call processing platform, placing said user terminal in communication with another user terminal; and~~

~~recording said communication content by said centralized call processing platform.~~

60-61. (Canceled)

62. (Currently amended) The method of claim 59, further comprising:

coupling said ~~centralized call processing platform~~ to [[a]] the telephone carrier network via an analog interface, ~~wherein said user terminal is placed in communication with said another user terminal via said analog carrier network interface.~~

63. (Currently amended) The method of claim 59, further comprising:

coupling said ~~call processor gateway processing platform~~ to [[a]] the telephone carrier network via a digital interface, ~~wherein said user terminal is placed in communication with said another user terminal via said digital carrier network interface.~~

64-70. (Canceled)

71. (Currently amended) The method of claim 59, further comprising:

recording the calls from the multiple telephone terminals; and
analyzing ~~said communication content~~ of the calls for particular utterances to determine presence of threats in the calls.

72-95. (Canceled)

96. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the call application management system is further configured to processing and transmitting the calls from the multiple telephone terminals to a second telephone carrier network, the call application management system selecting either the first telephone carrier network or the second telephone carrier network for transmission of the calls.

97. (New) The system of claim 96, wherein the call application management system establishes connection for the calls over the first telephone carrier network and switches to connection over the second telephone carrier network responsive to detecting a predetermined event.

98. (New) The method of claim 59, further comprising:
selecting one telephone carrier network among multiple telephone carrier networks connected to the call processing platform for processing and transmission of the calls responsive to receiving the calls from the multiple telephone terminals.